

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are sought to be canceled and claims 13-29 are sought to be added by virtue of this preliminary amendment. The additions are believed not to introduce new matter and their entry is respectfully requested.

It is noted that claims 13-29 correspond to the set of claims (1-17) filed in the subject application on October 11, 2006. It was later learned that the practice of the Patent Office is to continue with the examination of claims presented via amendments under Article 19 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT). There were 12 claims in the Amendment entered under Article 19. Accordingly, Applicants seek to cancel the 12 claims of Article 19 and add the 17 claims filed with the US application, by virtue of this amendment.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to examine claims 13-29 presented in this amendment. Favorable consideration of the presented claims 13-29 is respectfully requested. The undersigned representative may be contacted at 707.356.4172 if a telephone interview is helpful for any reason.

Respectfully submitted,

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